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(*d*) if so, under whose instructions;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that, when the ballot-box was delivered at the Secretariat, the Assistant Secretary, Public Health Department, certified that the seals of the Medical Council were intact on the slit of the box;

(*f*) whether the box was lying for a period of over two years in a verandah of the office of the Joint Secretary, Public Health Department;

(*g*) whether the seals were intact when the Special Officer examined the box;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the Surgeon-General was vested with the powers of the Madras Medical Council and was asked to hold another enquiry into the same matter; and

(*i*) whether the Surgeon-General was ordered by a letter to invalidate the elections, even before the summons were sent to the successful candidates to appear before him?

Appointment of the Registrar, Madras Medical Council.

* 121 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Madras Medical Council with Dr. V. Rama Kamath, its President and six other members whose elections were made void by the Surgeon-General, took part in the appointment of four successive Registrars of the Council from the year 1946 to 1950; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Registrar, Medical Council, is empowered by the Madras Medical Council Registration Act to compile and publish the Medical Register which is the electoral roll for the Medical Council elections?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI:—"As all these six questions relate to the same subject, namely, the setting aside of the elections to the Madras Medical Council held in 1946, a statement [a] narrating the circumstances that led up to the above decision, is placed on the table of the House.

"The details furnished cover the issues raised in these questions generally and as the High Court has finally pronounced on the matter, the Government consider that no public interest will be served by probing into the matter further."

Collection of money from pharmacists under the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Dr. P. S. Srinivasan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a large sum of money has been collected from the pharmacists of this Province, for entry in the first register under the Pharmacy Act of 1948;

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(b) whether these pharmacists have deposited their certificates along with the money; and

(c) whether the certificates are kept in good condition and will be returned, if required by the pharmacists?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" (a) Fees have been collected from the Pharmacists at the prescribed rate.

" (b) Majority of the applicants have furnished their certificates.

" (c) Yes. The certificates of pharmacists in the mufassal have been returned to them. About 80 per cent of the certificates in the City of Madras has been returned to the pharmacists and the remaining certificates are being returned."

De-control and de-rationing of millets in Ceded districts.

* 123 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have passed orders for de-control and de-rationing of millets in the Ceded districts and if so, on what date;

(b) whether, on account of the above order, several people were removing millets from one part of the district to another, as also from one district to another and whether they have been apprehended and prosecuted by the Food authorities;

(c) whether there are still any controls in force and if so, what they are and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what conditions should still be complied with for transport of millets from one area in the same district to another as also from one district to another within the zone of the Ceded districts?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (a) Millets have not been de-controlled in the Ceded districts but they have only been de-rationed in the statutorily rationed areas in those districts with effect from 4th November 1951.

" (b) As a result of the de-rationing of millets, only the ban on the import of millets into the statutorily rationed areas has been lifted, and other movement controls in these districts have not been affected. So persons who have violated such movement controls will be prosecuted.

" (c) The following are the controls still in force :—

(1) Ban on the transport of millets outside the district except under permits.

(2) Ban on the transport of millets from one place to another even within the district during nights on prohibited roads notified by the District Collector.

(3) Price control; and

(4) Licensing system for dealing in millets.